

# The Clarion



## St. Clare Fraternity July 2023

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### Next Gathering Date

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

#### Agenda

**10am** – Prospective members and Candidates meet with instructors.  
**11am** – Mass (in the church)  
**12pm** – Lunch (*bring your own food & drink*)  
**1pm** – Business matters, On-going formation (Miracle of the Eucharist), Evening Prayer

**Currently and through September our gatherings will be at:**

**St. Jude's  
152 Tulip Dr.  
Lewes, DE 19958**

### EVENING PRAYER

*(Prepare your book before our gathering)*

Thursday of the 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
1 vol. pg. 830  
4 vol. pg. 932  
Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past  
1 vol. pg. 1586 #182  
4 vol. pg. 916  
Presider: Fran Butler  
Antiphonarian: Maureen Ciano  
Reader: Fr. Cocco

### Minister's Message

Sisters and Brothers of penance,  
In the hurly-burly of events in our culture, and at times in our Church, being at peace takes more prayer and care. The seemingly endless flood of information can be overwhelming as we try to apprehend and contextualize it, so if you find yourself more unsettled than you would like, the best thing to do is to pause and pray for peace of mind.

*Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. We ask you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us.*

In St. Francis and St. Clare,  
Tom



**Remember to bring your  
Christian Prayer Liturgy of the  
Hours and your  
brown Ritual book**



We have paid our 2023 Fair Share of \$1540.00 to the regional fraternity!

**Thank you...**

for continuing to support the Common Fund.

If you are ever unable to attend the gathering, send your donation check, payable to St. Clare Fraternity, to our treasurer:

**Andrea Lipchak, OFS**  
**41 Tiffany Drive**  
**Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971**



### July BIRTHDAYS

Judy Bennett 7/5  
Ron Stoner 7/11

### July PROFESSIONS

No anniversaries this month

### Moving from Orientation to Inquiry

At the June gathering our community rejoiced in the Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming for Mary Moran & Mary Anna Harvie. So glad you're with us!!



(Thank you, Marty Rendon for the photo)



**Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank St. Edmond's parish supports**



We're having our raffle this month.

**We need quality items!**

Please bring what you can.

**Why do we do this?** To raise funds for our monthly support of the following organizations.

The Shepherd's Office in Georgetown, DE  
Franciscan Missions

*Remember  
your prayer partner  
in your daily prayers.*

### Fraternity Celebrates with Graduate, Br. Rigo



(Thanks, Marty for the photo)

*You're encouraged to contact one or more of our brothers and sisters below who have asked for our prayer.*

*Let's express our concern and support!*

**Please continue to pray for all our fraternal sisters and brothers and for the special intentions of:**

Janice and Dick McCarthy, ofs  
Lucy Deiacco, ofs  
Linda Sciallo, ofs  
Frank Rega, ofs  
Bonnie Cote, ofs  
Carolyn Protin, ofs  
Marty Rendon, ofs  
Joe O'Neill, ofs  
Nicole Meringolo, ofs  
Mimi Farrell, ofs  
Ellen Oneto, ofs  
Judy Bennett, ofs  
Rhona Prescott, ofs  
Kathleen Murphy, ofs



**We pray for our deceased relatives and friends and especially:**

John Zell, ofs  
Mary Lou Zell, ofs  
Deacon Buddy Bianco, ofs  
Deacon Bob Leonzio  
Barbara Petrisko, ofs  
Bill Farrell, ofs  
Bill Walker, ofs  
Dee Matthews, ofs  
Laraine Hoffman, ofs  
Florence Bianco, ofs  
Celine Mallonee, ofs  
Alicia Bourne, ofs  
Ron Holland, ofs  
Fr. Ronald Pecci, ofm

## A Special Eucharist Prayer By Our Sister, Carolyn Protin



*Lord, empty me of all that is me,  
fill me with all that is You.  
May I become what I eat and may Your light  
shine through me, so that it is not me that they  
see, but You working through me.!! Amen*

During on-going formation last month, Carolyn shared about praying this prayer at communion. We were moved by her words.

### Serving Those in Need

**Sussex Pregnancy Care Center in  
Georgetown, DE**

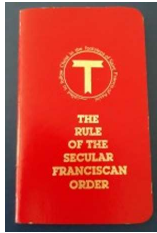
**Thank you all for supporting this  
effort!!!**



**Mary Moran and Andi Lipchak  
delivered our donations.**

### A Gentle Reminder...

If work, health reasons or significant family obligations hinder you from attending the gathering contact our Vice Minister, Marty Rendon and let him know.  
302-227-8163



## The Rule - What we have promised

### Chapter 1 The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God -- laity, religious, and priests - who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi. In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.

#### Reflection-

The words of Christ to Francis summarize the charism perfectly: "Go, rebuild my Church." The gift given by God to Francis and his followers (both religious and lay) is to renew continually the People of God (the Church) with a life of penance, poverty and prayer.

Called to Proclaim Christ – Short Reflections on the SFO Rule by Benet A. Fonck, OFM



## Our OFS Library

The library is open for our June gathering. Be sure to contact Nela by **Wednesday, July 12th** if you want her to bring you something.



## Community Directory

Patty Derrick and Elena Spitzer are working together to create a fraternity directory. They've mailed out forms with stamped return envelopes to all members. If you've not yet returned yours, please fill it out and send it back as soon as you can!! If you did not receive yours, please contact Elena. In addition, a photo of each of you is needed! We will be snapping pictures at the next couple of meetings. If you are not able to come to these meetings or you have an excused status, please email an **up close** photo of yourself to [elenacspitzer@gmail.com](mailto:elenacspitzer@gmail.com). If need be, ask a family member, friend or neighbor to assist you.



## Laughing With St. Sarah

(Patron saint of laughter)

### Future Fraternity Gatherings

**Please make note!**

#### 2023

August 10 (St. Jude's, Lewes)  
September 14 (St. Jude's, Lewes)  
October 12  
November 9  
December 14

#### 2024

January 11



## **St. Margaret of Cortona**

### **Third Order Franciscan**

**1247 - 1297**

St. Margaret was raised in a poor family in Tuscany. Following the death of her mother when Margaret was just eleven, a new stepmother turned her out of the house. Eventually, with few apparent options, she eloped with a young nobleman, who kept her as his mistress. Though she bore him a son, he would not marry her. When he was eventually murdered, Margaret took this as a sign of God's judgement on her life. Penniless, she returned to her father's house, but he would not take her in. Now homeless as well as destitute, she made her way to Cortona, where she had heard of the compassion of the Franciscan friars. She introduced herself by walking through town with a rope around her neck, a sign of her penitence. The friars quickly urged her to quit this spectacle and also curbed her proclivity for extremes of asceticism. Eventually she was accepted as a Franciscan tertiary. With other women she formed a nursing community, caring for the sick and the poor. Nevertheless, stories of her former life continued to generate gossip. She observed, "I see more Pharisees among Christians than surrounded Pilate."

Over time, as reports spread of her holiness and her purported miracles, as well as her private colloquies with Christ, Margaret attracted more positive attention. The Franciscans urged her to embark on a public crusade to call sinners to conversion. Penitents from all over Italy, and as far away as France and Spain, made their way to Cortona to hear her spiritual discourses.

She died on February 22, 1297. She was canonized in 1728.

**Show now that thou art converted; call others to repentance... The graces I have bestowed on thee are not meant for thee alone.**

*A message from the Lord to St. Margaret of Cortona*

Taken from *The Franciscan Saints* by Robert Ellsberg